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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!
NOW, ALL THAT REMAINS...IS BATTLEWORLD:

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A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

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FEW DOMAINS ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE DEADLANDS, WHERE THE SOLDIERS OF THE SHIELD HOLD OFF A HORDE OF ZOMBIES.

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TELEPORTED DEEP INTO THE DEADLANDS BY A ROGUE ZOMBIE, SHIELD SECTION COMMANDER ELSA BLOODSTONE FOUND A MYSTERIOUS YOUNG GIRL WHO DREDGED UP PAINFUL MEMORIES OF ELSA'S CHILDHOOD.

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THE CHILD LED ELSA TO THE OCEAN AT THE EDGE OF THE DEADLANDS, WHERE THEY DISCOVERED A GRAVEYARD OF BLOODSTONE CORPSES LORDED OVER BY NONE OTHER THAN A ZOMBIFIED VERSION OF ELSA'S DEAD FATHER, ULYSSES BLOODSTONE.

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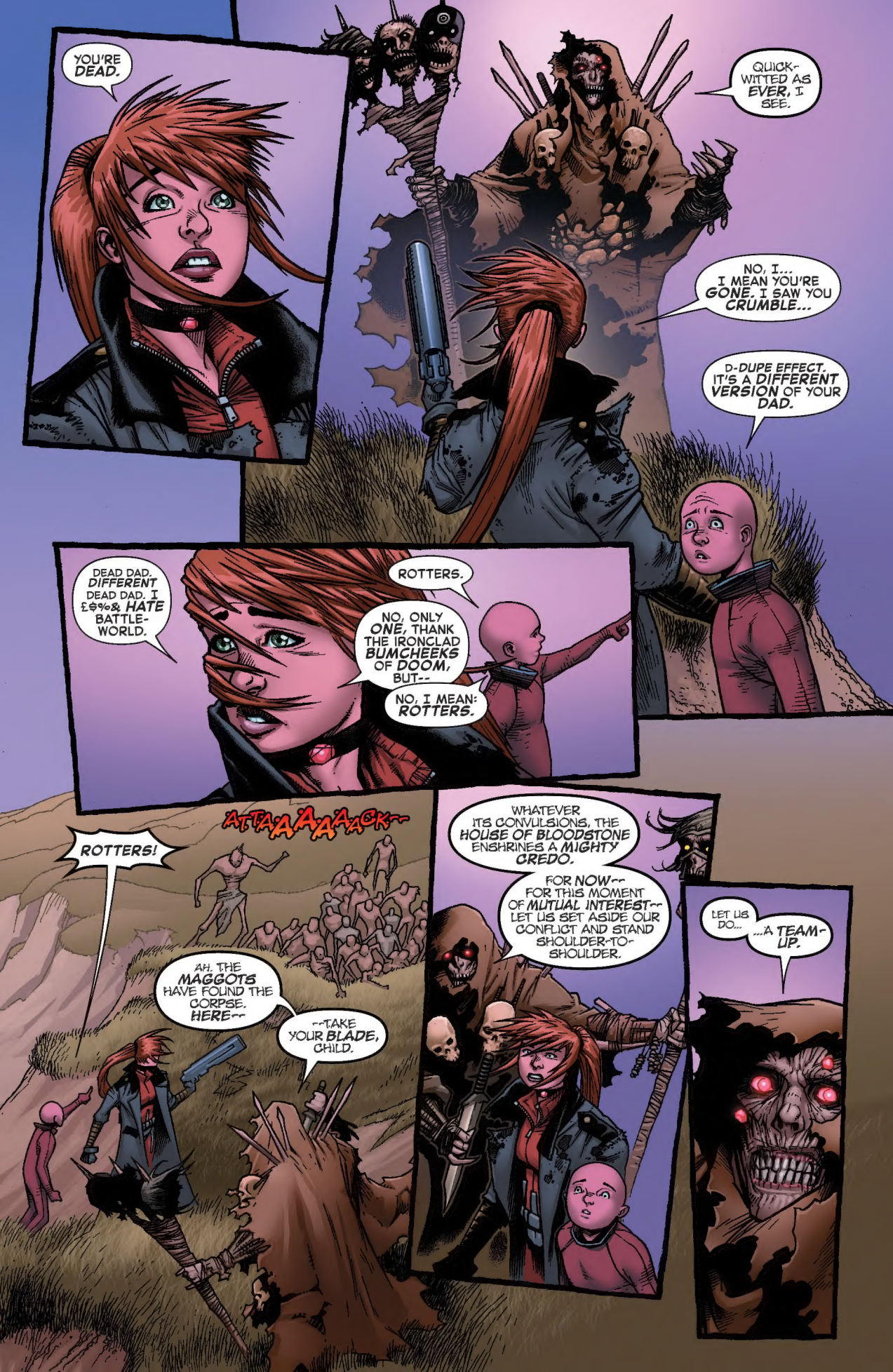
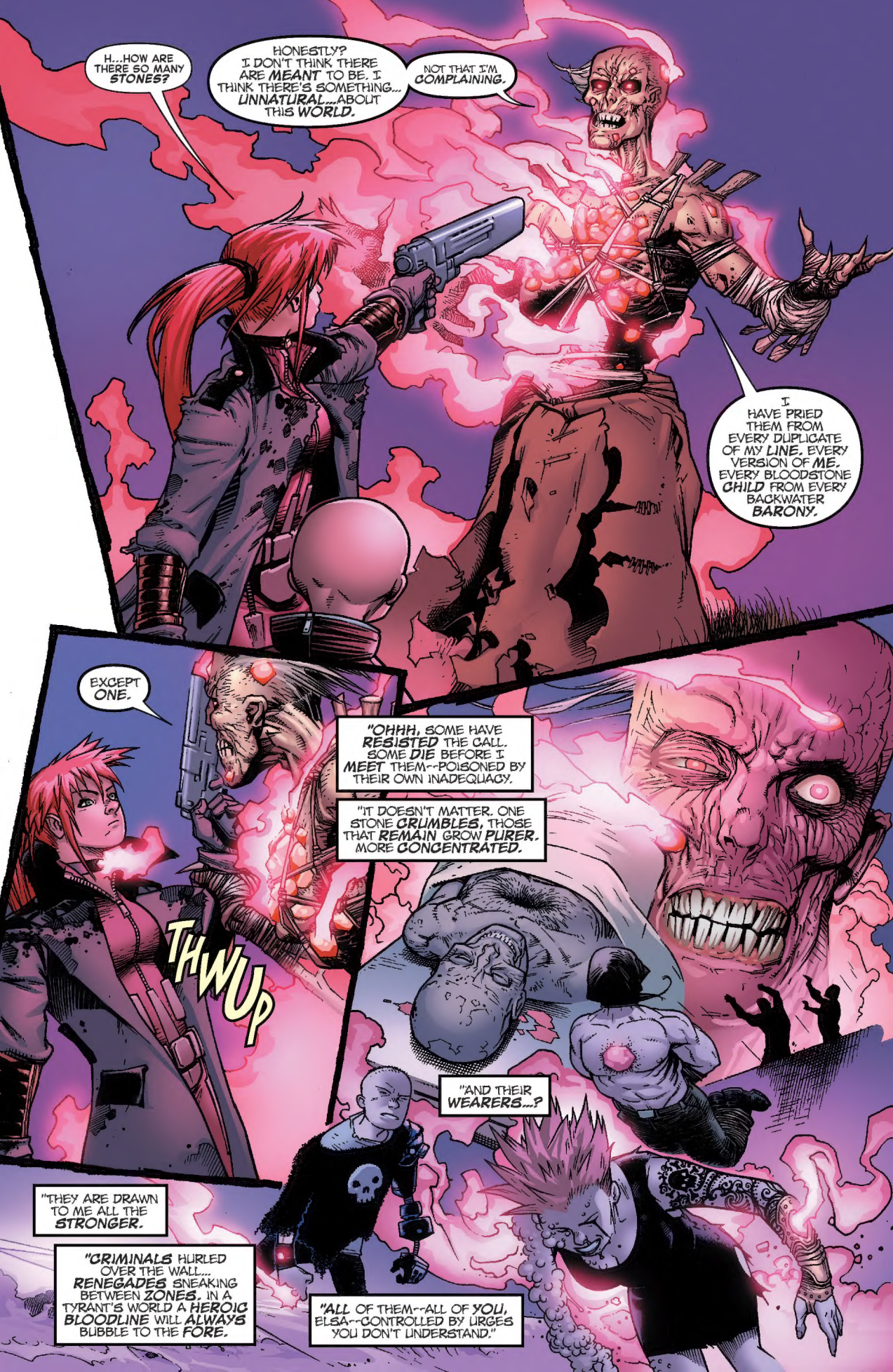
SHE'S THERE ALL RIGHT, BOSS--TAKE A LOOK.
B-BUT, AH, SO'S THAT HUNTER GUY WHO KICKED OUR BUTTS. MAYBE WE OUGHTA WAIT FOR DARK T--
NO WAITING. THE EVERMEAT'S GONE--I CAN ALREADY FEEL THE HUNGER. HRR. WAIT ANY LONGER AND YOU'LL BE EVEN STUPIDER THAN YOU ARE RIGHT NOW.
BUT I BIT THAT KID...AND SHE HASN'T CHANGED. THAT MEANS SPECIALFLESH.
SEND OUT THE FIRST WAVE. DUMMIES AND DRIBBLERS. MAYBE SOMEONE GETS LUCKY AND GRABS THE GIRL.
AND IN THE MEANTIME...?
...BRING UP THE SCRAPHEAD.


YOU'RE DEAD.
QUICK-WITTED AS EVER, I SEE.
NO, I... I MEAN YOU'RE GONE. I SAW YOU CRUMBLE...
D-DUPE EFFECT. IT'S A DIFFERENT VERSION OF YOUR DAD.
DEAD DAD. DIFFERENT DEAD DAD. I £$%& HATE BATTLE-WORLD.
ROTTERS.
NO, ONLY ONE, THANK THE IRONCLAD BUMCHEEKS OF DOOM, BUT--
NO, I MEAN: ROTTERS.
ROTTERS!
ATTAAAAAACK--
AH. THE MAGGOTS HAVE FOUND THE CORPSE. HERE--
--TAKE YOUR BLADE, CHILD.
WHATEVER ITS CONVULSIONS, THE HOUSE OF BLOODSTONE ENSHRINES A MIGHTY CREDO.
FOR NOW-- FOR THIS MOMENT OF MUTUAL INTEREST-- LET US SET ASIDE OUR CONFLICT AND STAND SHOULDER-TO-SHOULDER.
LET US DO...
...A TEAM-UP.

BOLLOCKS TO THAT.
RRF. DIRTY CADS.
FULL HORDE DEPLOYMENT, AND US WITH JUST A SINGLE SHOT.

THAT'S JUST!
NOT!
CRICKET!
HURFF
RUN.
GIRL.
RUN.
RUUUNN!
BWORRRRRRF

A LITTLE MORE RESPECT FOR YOUR ELDERS WOULDN'T GO AMISS, YOUNG LADY...
SHLUP
THE HUNTER... THE HUNTER HEALS WITHOUT FEASTING...!
HE HAS THE CURE!
TH...THE SCRAPHEAD MEAT MEAT WE N-NEED THE SCRAPHEAD.
H...HURRRR... G-G-GETTING STUPIDER...HURRY! BRAAAAINS...


H...HOW ARE THERE SO MANY STONES?
HONESTLY? I DON'T THINK THERE ARE MEANT TO BE. I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING... UNNATURAL...ABOUT THIS WORLD.
NOT THAT I'M COMPLAINING.
I HAVE PRIED THEM FROM EVERY DUPLICATE OF MY LINE. EVERY VERSION OF ME. EVERY BLOODSTONE CHILD FROM EVERY BACKWATER BARONY.
EXCEPT ONE.
"OHHH, SOME HAVE RESISTED THE CALL. SOME DIE BEFORE I MEET THEM--POISONED BY THEIR OWN INADEQUACY.
"IT DOESN'T MATTER. ONE STONE CRUMBLES, THOSE THAT REMAIN GROW PURER. MORE CONCENTRATED.
THWUP
"AND THEIR WEARERS...?
"THEY ARE DRAWN TO ME ALL THE STRONGER.
"CRIMINALS HURLED OVER THE WALL... RENEGADES SNEAKING BETWEEN ZONES. IN A TYRANT'S WORLD A HEROIC BLOODLINE WILL ALWAYS BUBBLE TO THE FORE.
"ALL OF THEM--ALL OF YOU, ELSA--CONTROLLED BY URGES YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND."

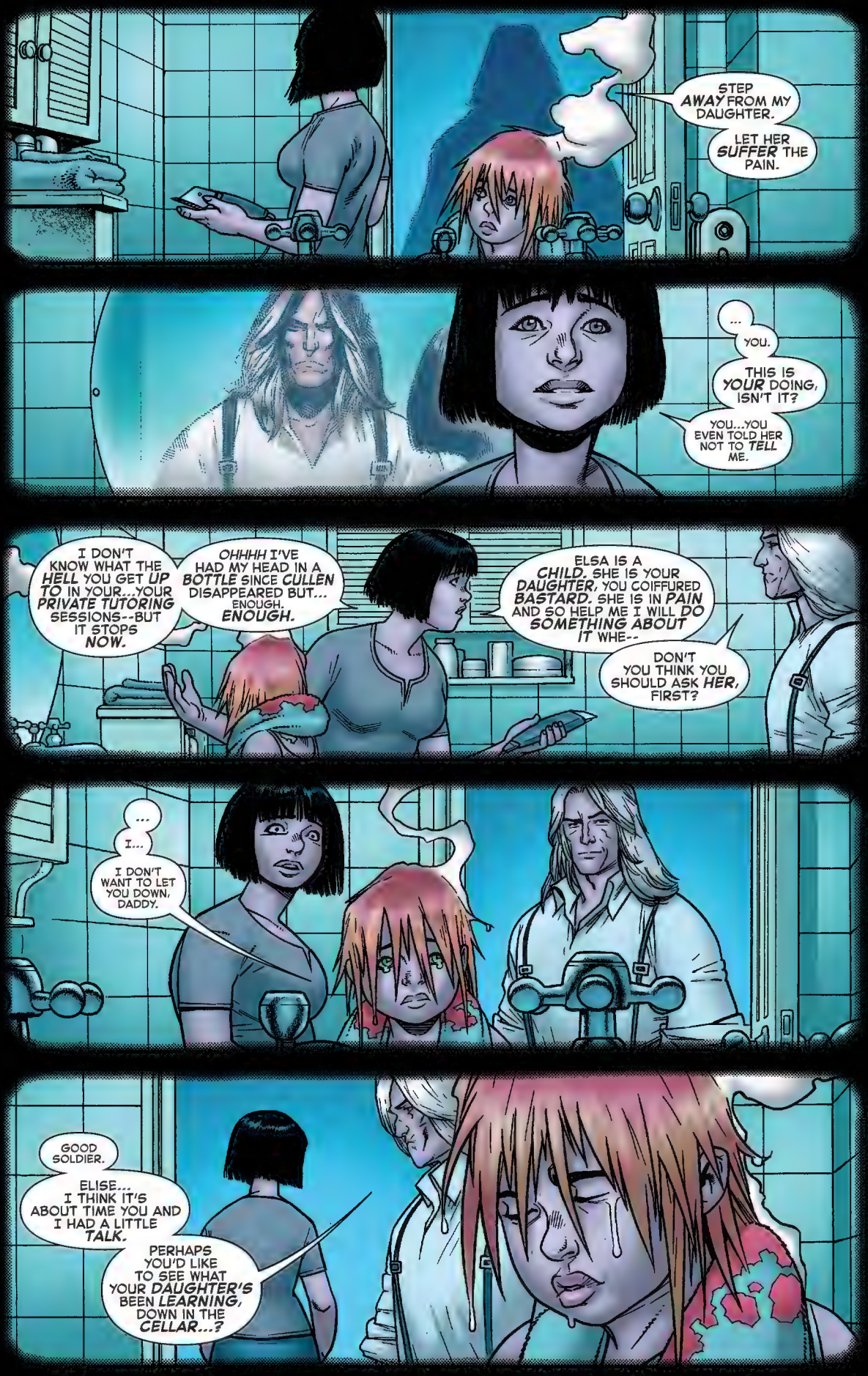
THE BLOODSTONES--
SHNF
--THEY WANT TO BE BROUGHT TOGETHER.
THEY SUSTAIN ME. THEY HOLD THIS... THIS IDIOTIC UNDEAD FLESHLUST AT BAY.
THE BLOODSTONES WANT ME AS THEIR HOST AND PROPHET. TO UNITE THE FAMILY JEWELS.
SLISH
STRENGTH SHOULDN'T BE DILUTED, ELSA.
I WAS A FOOL TO SPREAD MY LEGACY SO THIN.
UGH
S-STAY BEHIND ME. STAY BEHIND ME.
GIVE ME YOUR STRENGTH, ELSA. GIVE IT WILLINGLY. PROVE YOU'VE UNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU WERE TAUGHT:
UNITED, THIS POWER WILL BE IRRESISTIBLE. I COULD CRUSH EVERY EVIL. I COULD CLEANSE THESE DEADLANDS.
A CHILD OF THE BLOODSTONE DOES NOT HESITATE TO SUFFER.

YOU--
--YOU ARE A BULLY.
YOU ARE A BULLY AND A FANATIC AND A SANCTIMONIOUS £$%&, AND OH GOD DAD I'D FORGOTTEN HOW BAD YOUR BREATH IS, AND...AND...
...AND POWER NEEDS TO BE HELD BY THOSE WITH THE EMPATHY--THE £$%& LOVE, DAD!--TO USE IT RI--
SMUK
GIRLISH PRATTLE!
THEY'RE FIGHTING. M-MEAT. MEEEEEEAT.
PERFECT. HURRY. STOKE THE WEAPON'S FIRES WHILST THOSE FOOLS ARE BRAINS.
B...BUSY. I M-MEAN WHILE THEY'RE BUSY.
BRAAAINS.
Y-YOU CAN'T HAVE IT. I WON'T LET YOU. I'LL DESTROY IT BEFORE YOU C--
STUPID GIRL.

YOU THINK THE POWER IS STUCK INSIDE THE STONE?

G...GET AWAY FROM HER, Y--
AAGGH!
CHOMP
NNNNOO--!
I'M SORRY I'M SORRY I WAS WRONG WE SHOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE WE SHOULDN'T HAVE C--
QUIET.
LET ME GUESS. THE CHILD HAD "A FUNNY FEELING," YES? HA.
I TOLD YOU-- THE STONES WANT TO BE UNITED. OR DID YOU THINK IT WAS A COINCIDENCE IT POWERED UP THE MOMENT IT SENSED ME NEARBY?
YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST WHO NEEDED TO BE GUIDED TO THEIR DESTINY, ELSA.

"FOR SOME, IT'S THE SIMPLE WHISPER OF DUTY, DEEP IN THE SOUL..."
DESPITE ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR REFORM, ELSA, YOU PERSIST IN YOUR VIOLENT ACTIVITIES. YOU ARE THEREFORE CONDEMNED TO THE HORROR OF--
YES, YES, DO PUT A SOCK IN IT, DARLING-- LET'S GET ON WITH IT, SHALL WE? THE ZOMBIE HORDES WON'T SLAY THEMSELVES.
"FOR OTHERS IT'S A MORE...TANGIBLE MANIPULATION."
YOU SURE IT'S SAFE? I DIDN'T FLEE ALL THIS WAY FROM THE ROYAL PONCE-BASHERS JUST TO GET BLOODY EATEN.
CULLEN BLOODSTONE, YOU ARE SO CUTE WHEN YOU'RE PARANOID.
LOOK, TRUST ME, OKAY? I JUST HAVE THIS...FUNNY FEELING.
WHY THIS FORM, I WONDER? WHAT IS IT ABOUT THIS HAIRLESS LITTLE PARASITE THAT YOUR GEM KNEW WOULD LEAD YOU TO ME?
--SOMETHING FOR YOU TO PONDER, DAUGHTER, WHILE UNDEATH TAKES YOU.
SHE'S IN PAIN. FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE! SHE'S IN PAIN!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO I DIDN'T MEAN TO IT FELT RIGHT BUT IT'S WRONG IT'S WR--
I DON'T SUPPOSE IT MATTERS NOW. STILL--
SHE WON'T EVEN TELL ME WHAT THIS STUFF IS, BUT IT'S HURTING HER! I CAN'T GET IT OUT!
OH--HER POOR HAIR. H-HELP ME WITH THE CLIPPERS, ULYSSES--HURRY! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SH--
ELISE.

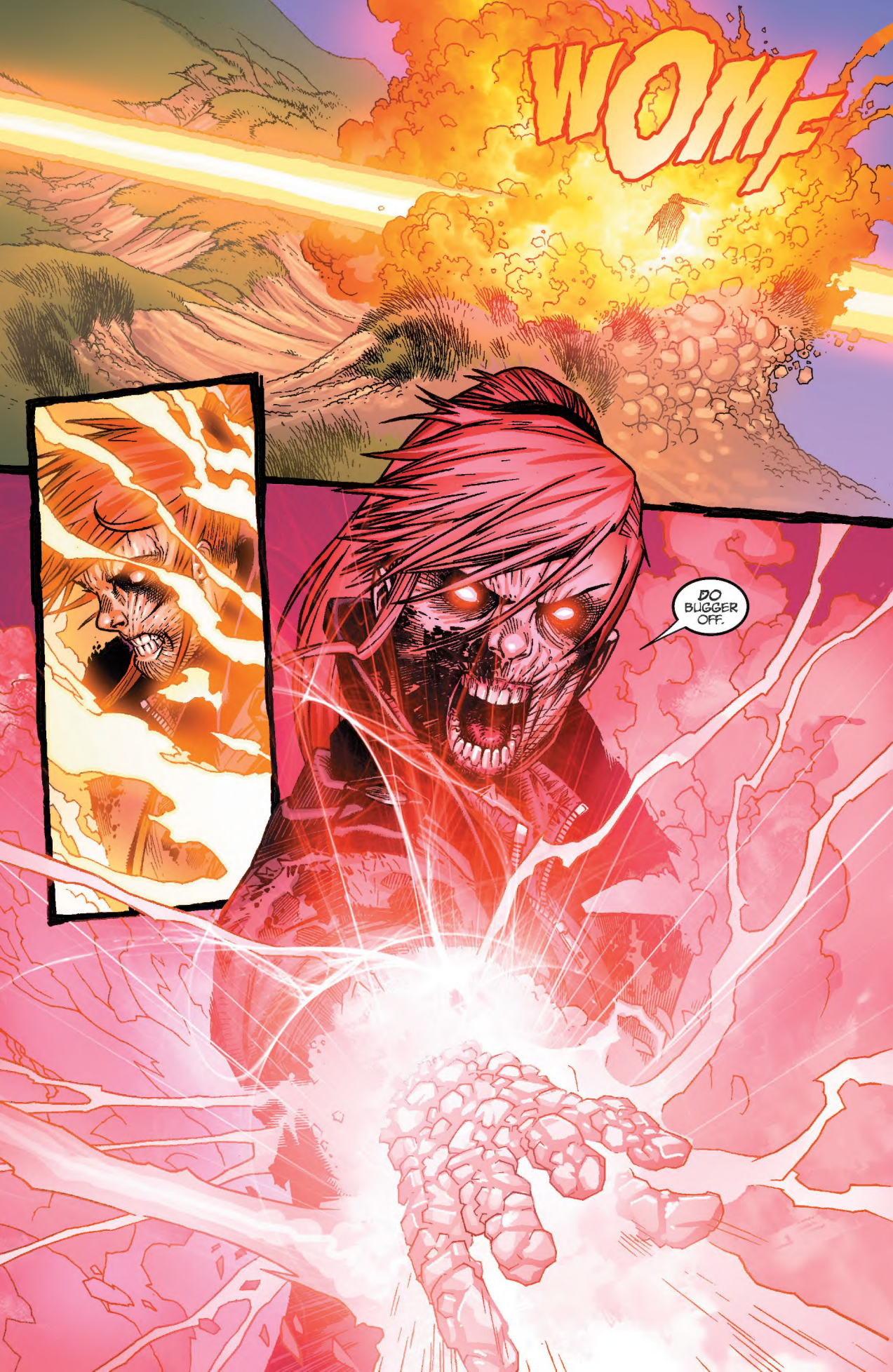

STEP AWAY FROM MY DAUGHTER.
LET HER SUFFER THE PAIN.
...
YOU.
THIS IS YOUR DOING, ISN'T IT?
YOU...YOU EVEN TOLD HER NOT TO TELL ME.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HELL YOU GET UP TO IN YOUR...YOUR PRIVATE TUTORING SESSIONS--BUT IT STOPS NOW.
OHHHH I'VE HAD MY HEAD IN A BOTTLE SINCE CULLEN DISAPPEARED BUT... ENOUGH. ENOUGH.
ELSA IS A CHILD. SHE IS YOUR DAUGHTER, YOU COIFFURED BASTARD. SHE IS IN PAIN AND SO HELP ME I WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT WHE--
DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD ASK HER, FIRST?
...
I...
I DON'T WANT TO LET YOU DOWN, DADDY.
GOOD SOLDIER.
ELISE... I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU AND I HAD A LITTLE TALK.
PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT YOUR DAUGHTER'S BEEN LEARNING, DOWN IN THE CELLAR...?

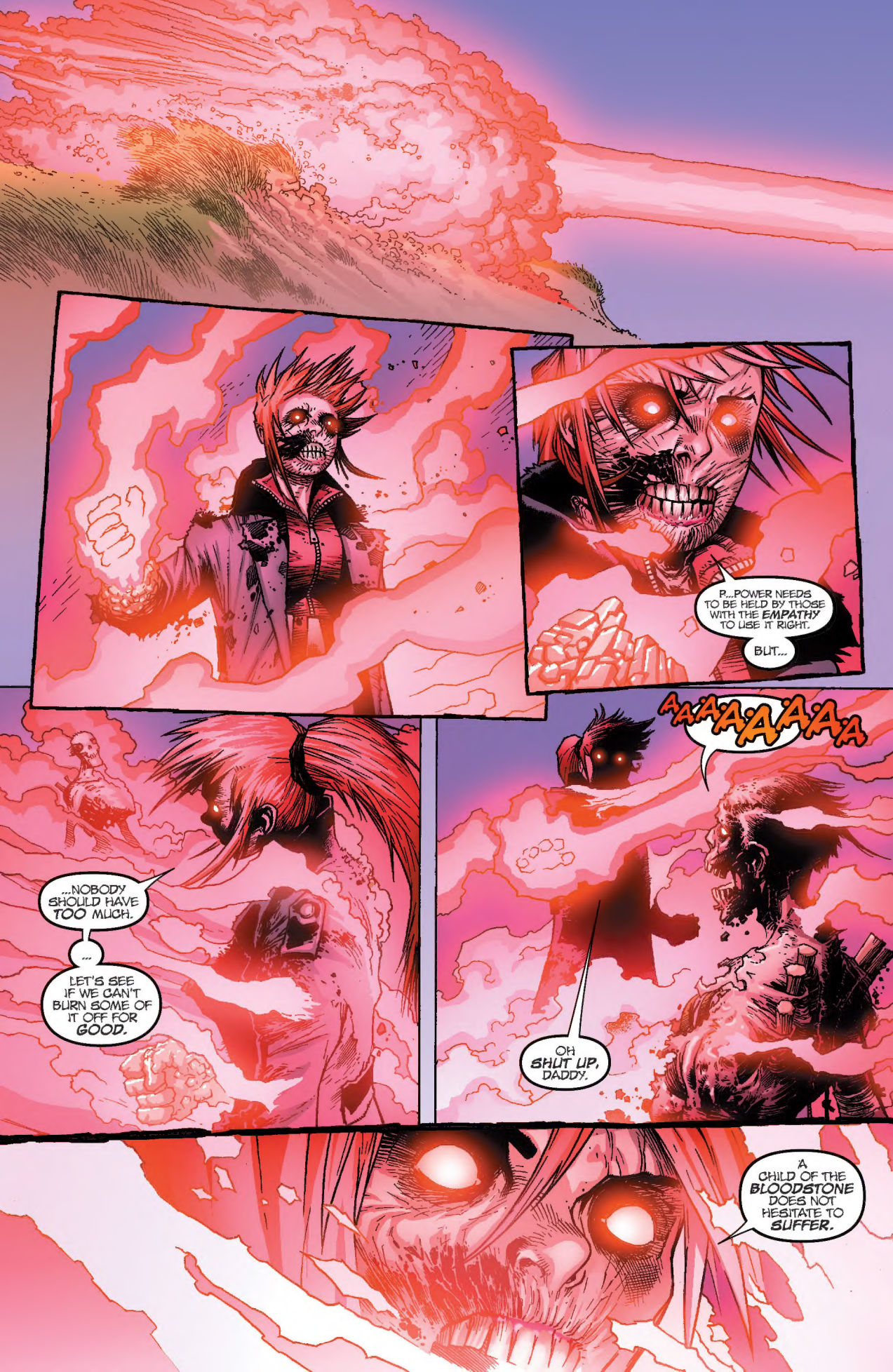
MONSTERS FIENDS OH NO GOD HE LET IT LAY EGGS IN MY BRAIN BEASTS DEMONS INSIDE THE WALLS PLEASE PLEASE THE SHADOWS ARE SCREAMING THEY ATE MY MIND OHHHH HELP ME HELP US HELP USSSS
YOU SEE WHAT WE'VE HAD TO DEAL WITH, DOCTOR? HER DELUSIONS ARE ONLY GETTING WORSE.
W-WHEN I FOUND THE BRUISES ON ELSA I COULDN'T PUT IT OFF ANY LONGER.
SHE NEEDS TO BE KEPT AWAY--
"--IT'S IN OUR DAUGHTER'S BEST INTEREST."
I... I...
I KNOW WHO SHE IS.
THE CHILD. THE GIRL.
SHE'S THE CHILDHOOD YOU STOLE FROM ME.

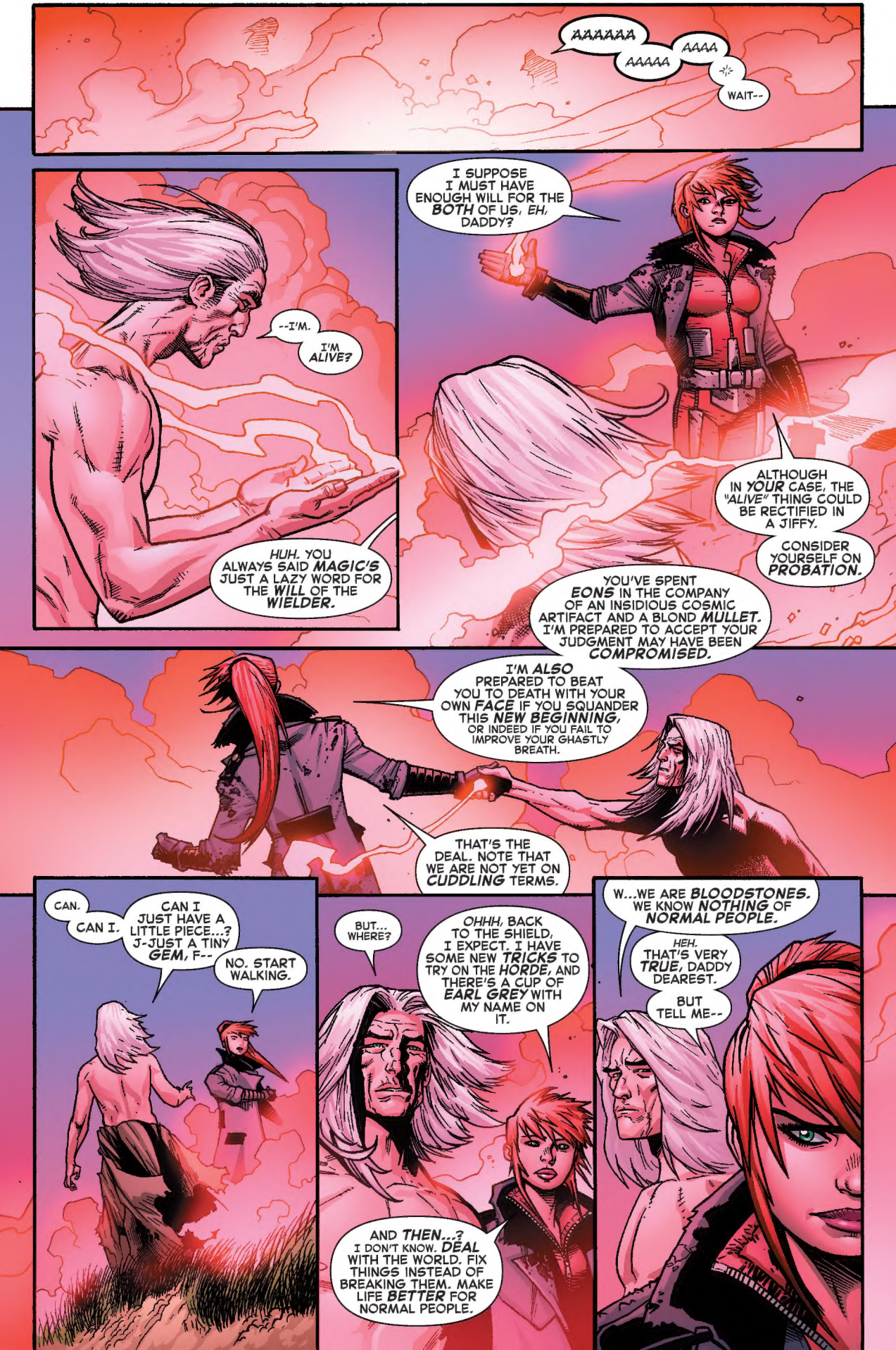
STILL FIGHTING IT, EH?
I WON'T SAY I'M PROUD OF YOU, GIRL...BUT--FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH--YOU'RE NOT AS DISAPPOINTING AS EXPECTED.
COME THEN. A FATHER'S FINAL GIFT TO HIS SPOILED BRAT. TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT.
...
NO. B-BECAUSE OF THE LITTLE GIRL I COULD'VE BEEN. I WON'T.
I WON'T BE LIKE YOU. I WON'T BE WORSE THAN THE MONSTERS YOU MADE ME HATE.
...
IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MAKE ME SPARE YOU?
N-NO.
BUT IT WAS A BLOODY GOOD DISTRACTION, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.
I SUCK WITH THIS THING I SUCK WITH THIS THING I SUCK WITH THIS TH--
BOOM

SCROMPH
VWOOOOOOORB
NNNOOO--!
W-WELCOME HOME, KID.
THANK YOU.
THANK YOU.
A-AND REMEMBER.
ALWAYS
WONDER.

THE SCRAP-HEAD IS IN POSITION!
THE HUNTER'S BEEN BRAAAINS TO THE GROUND! THE REDHEAD'S ACTING REALLY MEEEAT!
GOOD ENOUGH.
READY... AIM---
FLESH!
I MEAN FIRE!


WOMF
DO BUGGER OFF.


P...POWER NEEDS TO BE HELD BY THOSE WITH THE EMPATHY TO USE IT RIGHT.
BUT...
AAAAAAAAAA
...NOBODY SHOULD HAVE TOO MUCH.
...
LET'S SEE IF WE CAN'T BURN SOME OF IT OFF FOR GOOD.
OH SHUT UP, DADDY.
A CHILD OF THE BLOODSTONE DOES NOT HESITATE TO SUFFER.


AAAAAA
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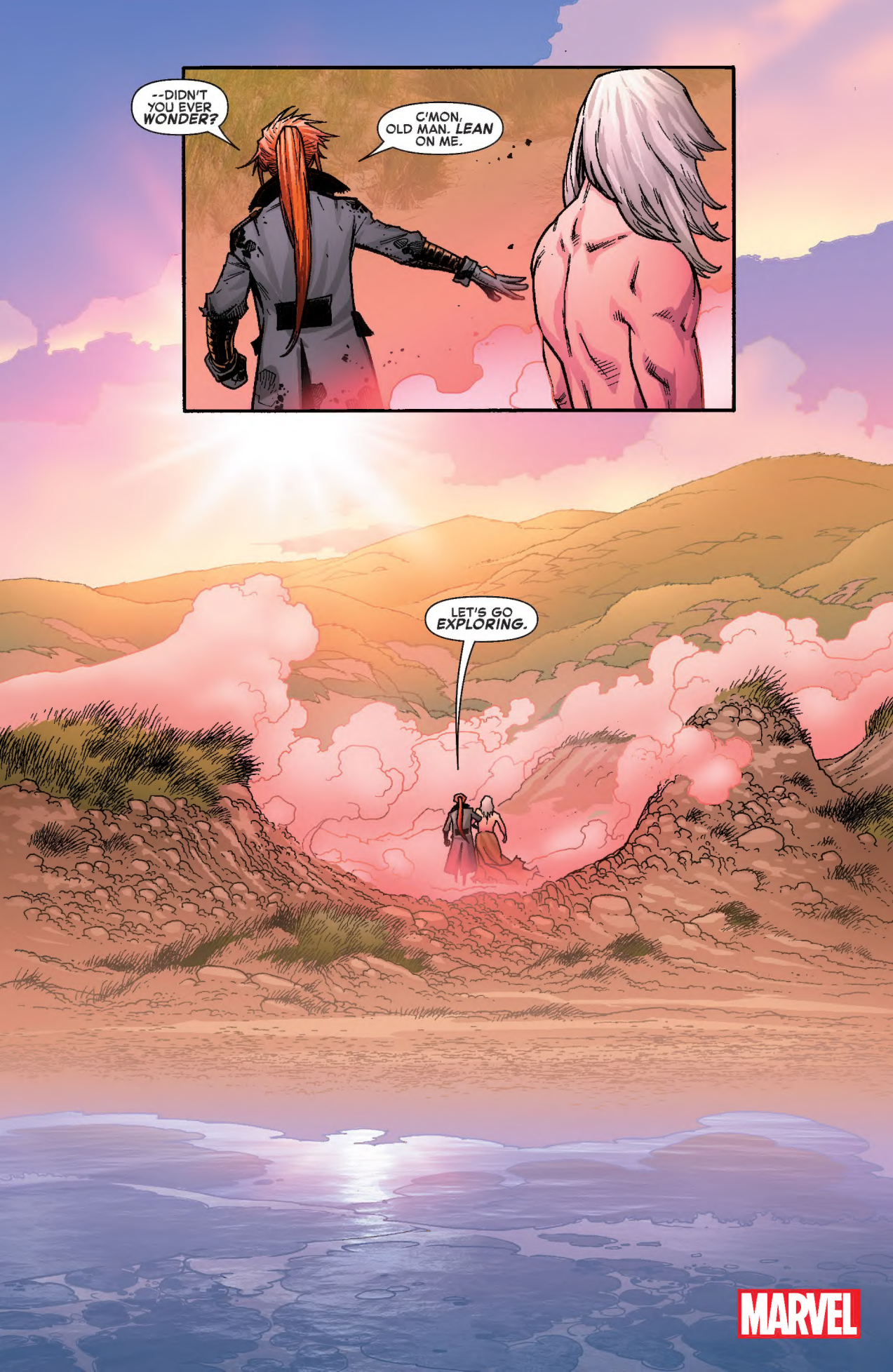
WAIT--
--I'M.
I'M ALIVE?
HUH. YOU ALWAYS SAID MAGIC'S JUST A LAZY WORD FOR THE WILL OF THE WIELDER.
I SUPPOSE I MUST HAVE ENOUGH WILL FOR THE BOTH OF US, EH, DADDY?
ALTHOUGH IN YOUR CASE, THE "ALIVE" THING COULD BE RECTIFIED IN A JIFFY.
CONSIDER YOURSELF ON PROBATION.
YOU'VE SPENT EONS IN THE COMPANY OF AN INSIDIOUS COSMIC ARTIFACT AND A BLOND MULLET. I'M PREPARED TO ACCEPT YOUR JUDGMENT MAY HAVE BEEN COMPROMISED.
I'M ALSO PREPARED TO BEAT YOU TO DEATH WITH YOUR OWN FACE IF YOU SQUANDER THIS NEW BEGINNING, OR INDEED IF YOU FAIL TO IMPROVE YOUR GHASTLY BREATH.
THAT'S THE DEAL. NOTE THAT WE ARE NOT YET ON CUDDLING TERMS.
CAN.
CAN I.
CAN I JUST HAVE A LITTLE PIECE...? J-JUST A TINY GEM, F--
NO. START WALKING.
BUT... WHERE?
OHHH, BACK TO THE SHIELD, I EXPECT. I HAVE SOME NEW TRICKS TO TRY ON THE HORDE, AND THERE'S A CUP OF EARL GREY WITH MY NAME ON IT.
AND THEN...?
I DON'T KNOW. DEAL WITH THE WORLD. FIX THINGS INSTEAD OF BREAKING THEM. MAKE LIFE BETTER FOR NORMAL PEOPLE.
W...WE ARE BLOODSTONES. WE KNOW NOTHING OF NORMAL PEOPLE.
HEH. THAT'S VERY TRUE, DADDY DEAREST.
BUT TELL ME--


--DIDN'T YOU EVER WONDER?
C'MON, OLD MAN. LEAN ON ME.
LET'S GO EXPLORING.